(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) इस प्रकृति के उदाहरण सरकार के ध्यान में नहीं आए हैं ।

(ख) सरकार को राष्ट्रीय पत्रकार संघ और दिल्ली पत्रकार संघ से एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है कि जिसमें यह आरोप लगाया गया है कि एस०एन०डी० टी० महिला विश्वविद्यालय, बम्बई में आयोजित "वूमेन इन इज्राइल" नामक एक फोटो प्रदर्शनी चीन कांसल जनरल के बम्बई में उक्त प्रदर्शन को देखने के पश्चात् एक दिन पहले ही बन्द कर दी गई थी।

(ग) उप कुलपति एस०एन०डी०टी० महिला विश्वविद्यालय बम्बई द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई सूचना के अनुसार फोटो प्रदर्शनी के एक दिन पहले बन्द किये जाने का चीनी कांसल जनरल के उक्त प्रदर्शनी को देखने के साथ कोई संबंध नहीं था ।

(घ) प्रश्न के भाग (ग) के उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Marathi telefilms pending for approval

3446. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Marathi telefilms pending for approval at present; and

(b) by when these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As per records, no Marathi telefilm is pending with Doordarshan under the commissioned programme scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Metro channal

3447. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take special steps to make available metro channel service in all the big cities;

(b) the names of the cities/towns where metro channel services are available at present; and

(c) the time by which the metro channel service is likely to be made available in other cities/towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Metro Channel (DD-II) Service is available throughout the country by using suitable dish antenna. However, Metro Channel service, through terrestrial transmission is available in 25 major cities/towns in the country.

(b) The requisite details are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) Metro Channel transmitters are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in 15 more cities/towns in the country. The normal lead time for completion of the projects of this nature is about 2 years from the date of commencement of civil works at the site.

Statement

Locations having terrestrial Metro Channel (DD-II) service (as on 22-4-1995)

1. Hyderabad
2. Guwahati
3. Ahmedabad

4. Srinagar
5. Trivandrum
6. Bhopal
7. Bombay
8. Jaipur
9. Cuttack
10. Bangalore
11. Bhubaneshwar
12. Jalandhar
13. Gangtok
14. Madras
15. Lucknow
16. Calcutta
17. Chandigarh.
18. Delhi
19. Kavaratti
20. Gandhinagar
21. Shimla
22. Itanagar
23. Kota
24. Jammu
25. Mandi Dabwali

Evaluation of Power Projects submitted to Central Electricity Authority

3448. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirements stipulated for entrepreneurs for submission of power projects/schemes to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for clearance/concurrence;

(b) what is the nature of evaluation done by the CEA for according clearance/concurrence, indicating the main parameters covered in such an evaluation; and

(c) the mechanism to check the accuracy of the capital cost estimates provided by the entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Every power project estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceedings Rs. 100 crores in required to be techno-economically cleared bp Central Electricity Autority (CEA). The CEA evaluates the proposals. inter-alia. on the fellowing aspects:

(i) the proposed main transmission lines will be reasonably suitable for regional requirements;

(ii) the scheme provides reasonable allowances for expenditure on capital and revenue account;

(iii) the estimates of prospective supplies of electricity and revenue therefrom contained in the scheme are reasonable;

(iv) the location of the generating station is best suited to the region, taking into account the optimum utilisation of fuel resources, the distance of load centre, transportation facilities, water availability and environmental considerations;

(v) the scheme conforms to technical economic or other criteria laid down by the Authority in accordance with the national power policy evolved.

(c) The capital cost of the project is compared with the date, both international and domestic, for similar projects available with CEA in this regard.

Power shortage in North-Eastern Region

3449. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute power shortage in the entire North-Eastern Region;